- Up until 1953, the Central Construction Office (Zentralkonstruktions Buero) (ZKB) at the Bergmann-Bersig firm, Berlin, was called the Projects and Construction Office for Electricity Plants (Projekt und Konstruktions-Buers fuer Elektrizitzetswerke) (PKE). The Office consisted of former AEG engineers who, after 1945, were formed into a labor group (Arbeitsgemeinschaft) and were desailed to do special work for the occupation forces. Among the tasks performed by the office was the reconstruction of last Cerman power plants. A short time after its founding, the office was entrusted with all power plants in East Germany and had to make suggestions concerning the repair of damage , or the reconstruction of, existing plants with the sim of increasing capacity. Soon, the PVE was incorporated into the Einistry of Industry. Ing. Ziller (fnu) of ABUS- Nordhausen was made director of the PKE. The mechnical director was Dipl. Ing. Kruse (fnu). In early 1953, the PKE was renamed Central Construction Office for Power Plants (ZFE). The chief reason for the change in name was that the office is now engaged in planning complete power plants, not individual machines. For that reason, the construction departments which the office had formerly lucked (hoiler construction, for example) were removed from the administration of the Bergmann-Borsig plant and incorporated into the ZKB. The 2KB new employs about 750 workers and works on all power plant projects in Last Germany as well as for Soviet satellites. It has been reported that the German construction management from the ZKB, which was working on the power plant project for Hungary, was suddenly dissolved and allegedly replaced by Poles.
- 2. Actual construction for projects worked out by the EKB is carried out by firms dealing in the various special lines of production. Thus, for example, Bergmann-Bersig, Berlin-Wilhelmsruh, works on boiler construction and large machinery; WIMAG Geerlitz works on turbine construction; plants in Suhl and Dresden are concerned with milling turbine blades (Eurbinenschaufeln); and the Leunswerke carry out repairs.
- 3. The ZKB is soon to be turned into a people's-ewned plant (VEB).

  Bergmann-Bersig has been made a key plant (Schwerpunktbetrieb).

  Extensive new construction is being installed, for example, a vertical lathe, with a stationary clamping plate and rotating steel (umlaufender Stahl).

  for pieces of work eight meters in diameter.

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- 4. The following large-scale projects are under way as ELEs
  - a. 32,000 kW sutput-condensation turbing (Enthahme-Kendensations-
  - b. New construction of turbines for Kraftwerk Klingenberg
  - c. A 50,000 kW installation consisting of two 25,000-kW turbines with 110 atu pressure and 500° centigrade steam temperature.

The first two projects have already been finished; the third project is now under construction.

Along with the new construction and developmental work, the ZKB inspects machinery in East Gorman electricity plants and in ships (also former warships) to see what repairs will have to be undertaken. Because of this repair work, the production installations in East Gormany are working at full capacity. Repair work is slowed down by shortages of material and, for that reason, plan quotas are for the most part not fulfilled. Difficulties have arisen in the procurement of beiler plate, beiler pipe, and high grade steel for turbine reters. It was mainly because of these difficulties that the ZKB was reorganized and the plant management changed.

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